

ANIMALS



The Carnivores are a very large group including wolves and their relatives, sea lions and otters, bears and all of the big cats. Examples of three are above.



The Cetaceans comprise whales and dolphins and attract man's attention in the hunting of whales and the pleasure of watching dolphins at play.



Elephant and Rhinoceros have long been hunted by man for tusk and horn.



The even-toed ungulates include deer, antelope and horned beasts like the Gaur. Rodents include chipmunks and rabbits (Leporidae) can be a huge pest.

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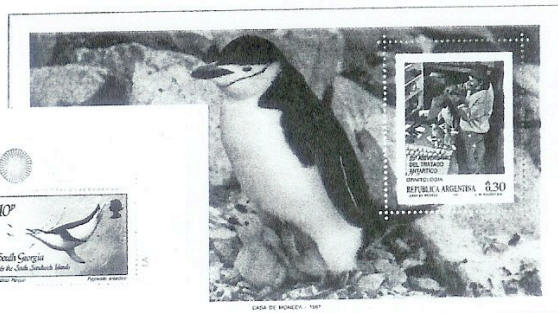
Collecting birds on stamps has been one of the most popular interests for many years and top of the ATA list periodically. Once again, it would be difficult to collect the whole subject, so selecting one or two families would be fairly practical.

Since a recent movie on penguins has proved extremely popular, we decided upon just showing some of the various penguins available on stamps. Penguins are medium to large flightless seabirds only found in the Southern Hemisphere. All seventeen living species have appeared on stamps.



King Penguins and Emperor Penguins are very closely related, having a similar appearance with the King being smaller. Also, the King lives farther north than the Emperor, between the Falkland and Sandwich Islands. The Emperor is a true Antarctic species and breeds during the winter darkness.

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The Chinstrap Penguin is found in Antarctica and is shown chasing prey.



Several smaller penguins are found in and around New Zealand, The Erect-crested (left) and Snares (right) Penguins are found on islands and the Little Penguin in New Zealand and southern Australia.



The Macaroni, Rockhopper and Royal Penguins occur on subantarctic islands.

FISH (Ichthyology)

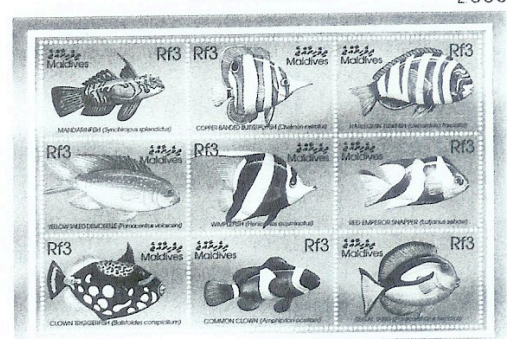
Ichthyology is the scientific study of fishes and as a topical collector, fish and fishing related themes offer a wide range of options for the collector.



The many varieties include the flying fish, Coelacanth and whale shark.



The collection of sport fish such as the Sailfish and Rainbow Trout can make for an interesting study.



The world of tropical reef fish includes many colourful varieties.